BODY IN THE RUINS

George Waterhouse Perished in His Home in West Townshend

How the Fire Which Destroyed House Started is Unknown-Victim Was a Veteran of the Civil War.

West Townshend, Dec. 4. About midnight Sunday the house owned by Barber Brothers of Montpeller, east of the schoolhouse and occupied by George Waterhouse, was discovered to be on fire, the roof having fallen in when the fire was first seen. Search was hurriedly made for tracks

in the light snow to see if Mr. Water-house had been out since it had fallen, but no trace of his leaving the house could be no trace of his leaving the house could be found. After the boards had burned off so the interior of the house could be seen between the burning timbers a body was discovered in front of a stove. This was avidently Mr. Waterhouse's body.

Health Officer Rice, with the select-

men, visited the scene in the morning and directed the gathering up of the few remaining bones. A light was seen in the house about 10 o'clock. How the fire caught will never be known; that it caught at the opposite end of the house from where the body was discovered was evident from the fact

that that end burned first.

Mr. Waterhouse was about 65 years old and was a veteran of the civil war. He leaves a wife, who had not lived with him for several years, and a son in Cam-bridgeport, and a daughter, Mrs. Walter Oaks of Bellows Falls. He has a brother in Keene and one in Grafton and a sister in Brattleboro. Mr. Waterhouse had a donkey which also perished in the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Boyden of Bellows Falls were at Phelps's hall on Thanksgiv-

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dresser and son, Harry, of Farley, Mass., spent a few days at W. A. Lawrence's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hadlock and the Morse sisters of Brattleboro were Thanksgiving guests of the Garfields. Miss Christabel Garfield has gone to Boston, where she has entered a business college. Her father accompanied her for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pierce of Suffield, Conn., formerly of this place, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Miss Lillian, to Charles Searing Mead, A. M., of Columbus, Ohio,

The ladies' missionary and aid society will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles at the vestry on Thursday even-ing. Dec. 13. A short literary program will be presented and lunch will be fur-

BROOKLINE.

F. L. Pierce has sold the small house where Charles Barnes lives to Mr. Dan-

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blanchard of Medford, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miles of Townshend were visitors at F. C. Cutler's over Thanksgiving. Mr. Blanchard has sold his house and lot near the North school to Charles Barnes.

Fire was discovered Sunday morning in the attic of the Norman Marsh house. occupied by Mr. Jerome and family, and the blaze was not extinguished until after a hole had been burned through the roof and some of the partitions had been burned through.

A family reunion was held at Arthur Wellman's Thanksgiving day. Those present were Mrs. C. A. Waltman of Brattleboro, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boutelle of Townshend, L. K. Wellman of Williamsville, Mrs. D. J.* Hitchcock of Athens, Elmer E. Gleason of Nicolet, Minn., A. O. Wellman and Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Ranney of this place. Mr. Gleason is a brother of Mrs. Wellman and spent his boyhood in town. This is his second visit to the old home in the 18 years he has lived in the West.

PERU.

Miss Clarissa Coolidge went last week Miss Mary Coolidge of Burr & Burton seminary spent the Thanksgiving vacation at home

William Whitney, who is teaching in Manchester Centre, was home over

Eugene Simonds went to Rutland to spend Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs.

W. H. Burroughs. M. B. Lyon was called to Greenland, N.

H., last week to attend the funeral of his son-in-law, W. H. Packer. Out-of-town people who spent Thanks-giving here were Mr. and Mrs. Park Swift and two daughters of Athol, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swift of Brattleboro, Mr. and Mrs. Sibley of Rowe, Mass., Miss Eva Swift of Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Batchelder and Miss LaBelle Batchelder of Manchester Depot at H. M. Swift's, Guy and Eddie Bardweil of Bernardstor Mass., at S. A. Sawyer's, and Hugh Batch-elder of New York at his father's, Edgar

The feat of Miss Annie S. Peck of Eoston in making a successful ascent of Mt. Sorata in Bolivia, 21,600 feet in height, and second highest peak in the Americas, leaves the title of the most famous woman mountain climber in the world between two Massachusetts women. Miss Peck's rival is Mrs. Fanny Bullock Workman of Worcester, whose ascents have practically all been made in foreign countries. Her recent climb in the Himalayas has taken her to highest altitudes ever reachNEW COUNTY OFFICERS

Officials Elected in September Filed Bonds Dec. 1-Sheriff Thompson's List of

the September election were sworn into office Saturday in the county clerk's office. They were: Assistant judges of the county court, Frank Worden of Halifax and Fred B. Pier of Rawsonville; state's attorney, Robert C. Bacon of Brattleboro; sheriff, Arthur H. Thompson of Bellows Falls; bailiff, John A. Davis of Brattle-boro; judges of the probate court, Z. H. Allbee of Bellows Falls, for the West-minster district, and A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro, for the Mariboro district, the latter having been appointed by the gov-ernor to succeed Judge E. L. Waterman, resigned. All of these officers gave bonds, with the exception of the assistant judges, from whom no bonds are required. The bonds ranged from \$2000 to \$10,000, the largest bonds being required of the sher-iff and balliff—\$10,000 each. The as-sistant judges appointed these officers: Highway commissioners, George A. Wes-ton of Bellows Falls, P. S. Eames of Mariboro and J. W. Gould of Windham; jail commissioners, O. L. Sherman of Wil-liamsville, P. H. Rutter of Townshend and J. H. Merrifield of Williamsville; treasurer, George C. Averill of Brattleboro; auditor, F. A. DeWitt of Newfane; pro-bation officer to succeed R. C. Bacon, re-signed. Fred B. Pingree of Bellows Falls. The appointment of county clerk holds

Deputy Sheriffs in Windham County. Arthur H. Thompson of Bellows Falls heriff of Windham county, made the folsheriff of Windham county, made the following appointemnts of deputy sheriffs for a term of two years, beginning Dec. 1: C. I. Knapp. A. W. J. Wilkins, Myyon P. Davis and E. R. Thayer, Brattleboro; F. B. Phelps, D. J. McDonaid and D. P. Thompson, Rockingham; O. R. Chase, Whitingham; Edwin M. Fitts, Wardsboro; C. E. Mann, Dover; F. L. Wellman, Guilford; W. S. Fenn, Westmirster, Earl Davis, Newfane; H. F. Willis, Jamaica; W. W. Van Ness, Townshend; Adin F. W. W. Van Ness Townshend; Adin F Miller, Dummerston; J. W. Melendy, Lon-

The appointment of co over from year to year,

LANDGROVE.

Guy Wyman is at work for C. E. Bacon and boarding at Bert Bacon's. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Cook spent Phanksgiving at M. D. Bates's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Eager of Jamaica have been visiting at Leroy Woodward's lately. Sam and Henry Abbott are working for A. D. Reynolds building a new hen house Charlie Streeter is moving from Per kinsville into his father's house in Clarks-

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Abbott and family spent Thanksgiving day at Charles Ab-bott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster of Chester spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Webster's sister, Mrs. Marlin Eddy.

George Harris, our town representative and Rev. George Davis returned to their official duties at Montpeller Monday, Marlin Eddy was reminded of his 38th birthday anniversary by a surprise party last Saturday evening. Cake and coffee

Mrs. Hattle Roby was called to Londonderry one day last week to see her sister, Mrs. Bemis, who was badly hurt by a kick from a cow

There was a family reunion at Mr. Dryden's Thanksgiving day. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Cone of South Londonderry were among the guests.

Several friends and neighbors gave Frank Rush's people a surprise party on the evening of Nov. 26 to help them cele-brate the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. Old winter is back here again with

wind and cold and three or four inches of snow. This last is guess work, for the snow flies around so fast no one can

was held at the hall Wednesday evening, was well attended. The attendants had a good time and plenty of pies, which were sold at prices not heard of in bakeries. George Fisk, who had been ill some time, died early Friday morning. The funeral was held at the church Sunday afternoon, Rev. George Davis officiating. He leaves a wife but no children. He was

Court Reorganization

the oldest man in town.

[Ludlow Tribune.] There are those who criticise the enectment of the court reorganization ocheme on the ground that the making of three new judges was unnecessary and quently extravagant. On the other the advocates of the bill laid stress on the fact that reorganization on the proposed basis would effect a saving of some \$14,000 a year by doing away with commissions, referee cases and other detail required under the old regime, and thus offset any increased expenditure in the way of judges' salaries. The measure was practically fathered by the State Bar as-sociation, and while there may be some loubt as to the necessity for it, judgment may wisely be deferred until the plan can be put into operation and be fairly tried. If it facilitates the transaction of legal business, relieves the congestion of dockets and does away with vexatious delays, the wisdom of the movement will have been demonstrated and the peolpe of the state will be satisfied.

A farmer at Winburg, Orange River Colony, alleges that in his district alone 24,000 sheep are stolen annually by the

natives. On this basis he calculates that 200,000 sheep are stolen throughout the colony every year.

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IN OUR OWN STATE

Three Killed, 30 Injured in Rail-The Windham county officers chosen at road Wreck at Vergennes

> Gravel Train Dashed into Passenger Coaches-Air Brakes Falled to Work-Some Grewsome Reports.

Three lives were lost and 10 or more opie were injured, several seriously, in an accident on the Rutland railroad near Vergennes Saturday morning about 9.10, when a gravel train running down grade crashed into the mixed train from Rut-land, huried two coaches and several freight cars down an embankment, where they were destroyed by fire. The offi-cials of the railroad say that an angle cock on the fifth car of the gravel train was held open by a piece of dirt, making the air brake defective. There were 38 asengers in the two passenger cars and but few escaped unhurt. Among the pas-sengers were 22 members of the Drury opera company, an organization of col-ored people, and 11 of them were injured. The entire wreckage caught fire and was soon in flames but the injured were saved through the heroic efforts of the train-men, the fire department of Vergennes and other persons from the town, who hurried to the scene of the accident.

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, 45, of Bristol,

vife of Deputy Sheriff Lawrence of Adlison county. Miss Corinna Stowe, 25, of Bristol, eacher in the Bristol graded schools. Mrs. Nellie Barnard, 45, of Bristol, a

The Injured.

Miss Rosetta Faulk, colored, leading lady of the Drury opera company, in-ternal injuries; not expected to recover. Taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, F. W. Savage of Rutland, manager of the Rutland opera house, bruised and

burned, probably fatally; at Mary Flet-cher hospital, Burlington. E. M. Dike, assistant principal of Bristol high school, side crushed and internal injuries; at Stevens House, Vergennes. Theodore Drury, colored, manager of

opera company, ribs broken and other in-juries considered serious; at hospital in M. E. Van Houten, leader of opera com-

pany band, hip dislocated; at hospital in Burlington. Oscar Jenkins, colored, leg and foot

severely bruised; at Burlington hospital; member of opera company. Richard H. Brooks, colored, member of opera company, leg crushed; at Burling-

Roger Latterell of Bristol, severe burns the head and shoulders; taken to hospital in Burlington. Edna Simpkins, colored, member of opera company, broken collar bone and

other injuries; at Stevens House, Vergennes.
William Simpson of Waterbury, right
leg broken; at Stevens House, Vergennes.
Mrs. William Simpson of Waterbury,
severe body bruises; at Stevens House,

W. W. Ryder, attorney, of Bristol, se-lously burned about the head; removed

Among those less seriously injured than the foregoing but suffering from cuts and bruises, are Harry Haynes, Harry Jack-son, Mrs. Anna Green, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, William Ritchie and the latter's wife, Mrs. Carrie Ritchie, all of whom are members of the Drury opera company. Three young women who are members of the opera company are at a hotel in Vergennes, suffering from bruises, but their condition is not regarded as serious. They are Carrie Francis, Dalsy Allen and Annie

en, colored, of New York city, ne women killed were all in the front car of the train. When the bodies were recovered from beneath fragments of the car, they were so charred as to be almost unrecognizable. The wreckage was en-tirely consumed. Those injured were taken to a nearby farmhouse and to a hotel in the village. Later in the day a number of those hurt were taken to Bur-lington on a special train. All the train

allow a south-bound mail train to pass. A heavy gravel train was following the passenger cars and a caboose. The caboose was smashed and the passenger cars were hurled on end, then toppled over the edge of a 50-foot embankment which drops at an angle of 45 degrees to a small brook. The cars did not fall the entire distance however remaining the cars of the ca

entire distance, however, remaining on their sides on the slope. This position made the work of rescue very difficult. Almost immediately the wrecked cars caught fire and several of the passengers with difficulty escaped from the flames. The local fire department responded, but as the station is three-quarters of a mile from the village and there is only one hydrant near the scene of the work.

hydrant near the scene of the wreck, their work was greatly delayed and ham-pered. The firemen and persons living nearby made every effort to assist the passengers, and those most seriously hurt were taken to the home of D. G. Metts, a farmer, living just across a field from the station. The less severely injured were taken to the Stevens House in the

The Burlington News Monday contained the following in a despatch from Ver-gennes: "The finding of a woman's right Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, bearing her wed-ding and other rings, that was burned off. The discovery of the right hand, together with the admitted discovery of the foot of an infant child, seems to confirm the

Frozen to Death While Intoxicated. Robert Prentiss, 62, of Rutand was rosen to death Monday night in Shrews-Robert Prentiss, 62, of Rutand was frozen to death Monday night in Shrewsbury. He was found unconscious at daybreak Tuesday morning by William Buckey, a teamster, and carried to Bissell Brothers' lumber camp between Shrewsbury and Killington peaks, in Mendon. He died within a few minutes after the bearding house was reached. Prentiss boarding house was reached. Prentiss was seen by a teamster Monday afternoon about 100 rods from where he was found. According to the teamster's found. According to the teamster's statement he was intoxicated Monday. He applied to E. W. Bissell for work in Rutland Monday morning and was di-rected to the camp. He started to walk there about 10 o'clock and it was noticed that he had been drinking. He was re-leased from the Rutland county jail Nov. 20 after serving a sentence for intoxica-tion. He formerly lived in Receivers

Mr. Trask wrapped a rug about her and threw water over her. Nearly all her clothing was burned off.

state laboratory in Burlington for exam-ination. Mrs. Aubin's husband died about a year ago. She leaves a small child. Lillian G. Dyer was granted a divorce

in Rutland county court Friday from Maj. H. Edward Dyer of Rutland. An agreement was made whereby Mrs. Dyer s to receive \$20,000 in cash, the custody is to receive \$20,000 in cash, the custody of the two daughters, 10 and 12 years of age. Maj. Dyer, who inherited a large fortune from his father, the late Horace H. Dyer, has been prominent in military circles for several years. He is a major in the Vermont National Guard and last year pursued special military studies at Fort Ethan Allen.

Suit has been brought by Josiah Grout, dministrator of the estate of the late Gen. W. W. Grout, to recover the sum of \$5,000 from Congressman David J. Foster of Burlington. The case is returnable at the March term of Orleans county court. A writ has been served attaching all the property of Congressman Foster in Bur-lington, his law books, household furni-ture, etc., as surety for the amount of the ad damnum. It is underground for the ad damnum. It is understood that the suit is brought to recover money loaned to Congressman Foster by the late Congressman Grout for campaign expense

Vermont Woman Killed by Automibile. A fatal automobile accident occurred

ear the Main street arch in Springfield Mass., Tuesday when Mrs. Elva M. 57, wife of W. O. Gray, was struck by a Winton motor car owned by Chester W Bliss and driven by Adolf A. Geisel. Mrs. Gray intended to board a trolley car, but for some reason changed her mind and stepped back a few feet. She was struck by the right forward wheel of the automobile and thrown heavily. Her collar hands escaped injury.

A mixed train from Rutland due at Vergennes at 9 a. m. was taking to the siding at the Vergennes station in order to bone and three ribs were broken and there was a compound fracture of the cident. Geisel was arrested on the charge of manslaughter and released on \$2000 mixed train. With a terrific crash the locomotive of the gravel train struck the mixed train which was composed of two bekah lodge of that place. She came to Springfield three weeks ago to spend the winter with her husband. Besides he husband she is survived by two so a former marriage, Harold and Ira Carr of Lisbon, N. H. The body was taken to West Derby, Vt., Wednesday for burtal. Geisel claims that he was running the machine at the rate of nine miles an hour when he struck Mrs. Gray.

> Rear Admiral Converse, chief of the bureau of navigation, announced in his an-nual report the completion of a plan to mass the battleship fleet on the Atlantic and the cruiser fleet on the Pacific in such a way that the whole force may be readily mobilized in case of emergency.

Realizing that he was about to be cap-tured in an unsuccessful attempt to rob the state bank at Bendena, Kan., J. W. Harris, a farmer, shot himself to death. Harris entered the bank and commanded W. A. Gillen, the cashler, and Theodore Sella, clerk, to throw up their hands. He then ordered them to pull down the window blinds and lock the doors. Sells went behind the countries. sehind the counter, ostensibly to pull down a window curtain, and escaped through a hand proves conclusively that others than the known dead were cremated in the disaster, because it was the left hand of effect. Fearing capture, Harris calmiy stared at Gillen a moment and then allled timself.

of an infant child, seems to confirm the report that a woman and child were cremated before the eyes of the onlookers. At this writing no one has the slightest inkling as to who the woman and child were. It is the opinion of those in this city who are conversant with the details of the horror, that when the entire count of the horror of the woman and child were cremated and the Smith give had separated and the Smith give had Ethel Smith, a girl of 15, shot and killof the horror, that when the entire count of the dead is made the number of those who were burned to cinders in the two will approach nearer 12 than what is warned him that she should shoot if he cateful but he forced his way through cars will approach nearer 12 than what is now figured on."

George W. Murray of Rutland, engineer of the gravel train, was arrested Tuesday charged with mansiaughter. He was taken from Rutland to Middlebury, arraigned before Justice F. M. Foote and held under bail of \$1500, which was furnished by counsel for the Rutland Railroad company.

warned him that she should shoot if he entered, but he forced his way through the door which the two women in the house had barricaded. The girl fired two shots, both of which lodged in Briggs's body. He hesitated a moment and then kept on, and the girl fired three more shots, all of which took effect, and the man staggered back and fell dead on the steps.

Whaling as a Modern Business.

Robert Dunn, writing in the current Harper's Weekly of "The Hidden Trag-edies of the Arctic Whaling Fleet," has some interesting things to say of the whaling industry as it exists today. "Whaling," he says, "is almost dead, you near. Yes, it is a small enterprise comhear. Yes, it is a small enterprise com-pared with the great industry of long ago. The old lure, oil, is scarcely thought of today, the vegetable world having so completely supplanted the leviathan in the arts. The bone's the thing. It has never been higher in price, some \$6.50 a pound today, and a "right" whale will average more than 25,000 pounds of bone. Two whales will yield a ship a dividend: Two whales will yield a ship a dividend; five are the average catch, although this year the luck has been poor, and some leased from the Rutland county jail Nov.
20 after serving a sentence for intoxication. He formerly lived in Bennington.
He leaves two sons and a sister. Mrs. Ardella Adams, 92, was fatally burned in South Royalton Thursday while preparing Thanksgiving dinner. Her clothes caught fire from the kitchen stove and she ran into the woodshed, where a







most any afternoon walking or riding over the estate. He is more likely to dis-cuss one of his prize chickens with a visitor than to talk about the British eign policy. He lives in a fine old Eliz-abethan house, and his den is far up among the gables. Here he works every morning from 9 until 12; the rest of the day he devotes to recreation. After refusing steadily for seven years to git for a photograph, he was recently persuaded to stand for a snapshot by Mrs. Kipling. to stand for a snapshot by Mrs. Kiping. The photograph, recently received by Doubleday, Page & Co., Mr. Kipling's American publishers, shows that he has changed but little in personal appearance since the days when he was a familiar figure on the streets of Brattleboro. The author of "Soldiers Three" and "The

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